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47 33 0%	52 36 10%	62 34 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

8,000

Number of men diagnosed with testicular cancer each year.

Source: The Calendar

A dream come true



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU's Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity leads a march through Milledgeville Monday in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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The fried catfish went fast at the booth of the Business Legacy Group, one of the city organizations present at the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

BY ERIN GISH
STAFF REPORTER

In many small, college towns across America there is a gap between the local community and the college, such is true in Milledgeville. Many GCSU students are only temporary residents and most have very little interest in getting to know the locals. Most locals, in turn, have no real interest in consorting with the college students that overrun their small town every fall.

This year the attempt at bringing the two together was made at the Martin

Luther King Jr. Day celebration Monday, Jan. 21. This year's theme was "Bridging the Gap."

GCSU's Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, Hands on Milledgeville, and members of the Milledgeville community organized the daylong event at Huley Park.

Nadirah Ross, diversity program coordinator for GCSU's Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity played a big part in the event.

"It's more than just a celebration, it's an opportunity for Georgia College



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Children play in the Crayola Crayon moonwalks at the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration held at Huley Park on Monday, Jan. 21.

to come together with the Baldwin county community and work toward social justice," Ross said.

While many use the holiday as a break from school or work, to sleep-in or spend time with friends, a large part Milledgeville's black community spent their day at Huley Park, despite the biting cold.

As the King's speech played over amps in the background, the voices of a long-oppressed people were joined in laughter and song over fried catfish and hot dogs. A live DJ spun the latest hip-hop as the younger generations

danced.

Children played in large, colorful Crayola Crayon moonwalks and the elderly sat watching through smiling eyes. Walking among them Monday, one could never conceive the struggles some have had to overcome in their lives.

GCSU's Black Association of Nursing Students, BANS, set up a booth selling cookies and taking blood pressure as well as donations.

Milledgeville's Alumna Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

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GCSU highly valued

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

"Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine" has once again selected GCSU as one of the "100 Best Values in Public Colleges."

According to "Kiplinger's" website, the colleges that make this list are considered "noteworthy for their combination of top-flight academics and affordable costs."

In last year's 2007 ranking, GCSU found itself in ninety-ninth place; however, this year GCSU has moved up the ladder to claim eighty-third place.

Making this list is a definite honor, especially since only two other Georgia colleges, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia made the list.

Judy Bailey, GCSU's public relations specialists, believes that there will be a further rise in the school's rankings.

"Keeping prices as low as we possibly can, and recruiting bright freshmen classes are things that will continue the rise in rankings," Bailey said. "GCSU's mission will continue to draw students who are interested in a well rounded education."

Bailey's granddaughter, Lindsay Webb, a first year student, attends GCSU not only for the value but also the beautiful atmosphere.

"Any college is expensive," said Clyde Pherrell, a first year mass communication major. "So it is good to know that I am getting the most for my money."

"With not many schools in Georgia making the list ("Kiplinger's"), it made GCSU stand out," Pherrell said.

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GCSU settles in at Macon

BY TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

The Macon Center for Graduate and Professional Learning is thriving as the newly renovated establishment enters into its first full year as the permanent home for GCSU graduate students in Macon.

The Thomas Jefferson Building in Macon was purchased for \$3 million at the end of 2006 by the GCSU Foundation, of which \$500,000 came from a grant by the Peyton Anderson Foundation out of Macon.

Dr. Doris Christopher, chief administrative officer for the Macon campus, said the 30,000 square foot building was chosen for its central location and great amenities.

"The Macon Center for

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JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The GCSU satellite campus in Macon completed the 30,000 square foot Thomas Jefferson Building. The building offers ample parking, state-of-the-art classrooms and labs and student support services.

Isakson motivates students to action

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

Georgia's own U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson spoke to GCSU students, faculty and Milledgeville residents last Friday for an hour in the University Banquet Room. Isakson holds an impressive 30 years of government leadership experiences, holding positions with the Georgia Assembly, House of Representatives, chairman of the Georgia school board and now as Georgia's Junior U.S. Senator. He also co-wrote the controversial No Child Left Behind Act, or NCLB, back in 2001.

"It's a great honor to have him here, and with him potentially running for governor (of Georgia), this gives him a chance to appeal to young voters," said



BOBBY GENTRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Georgia Senator Johnny Isakson, left, met with students and staff in the University Banquet Room last Friday, including Spanish professor Anisio Martins dos Santos, right.

Jason White, chairman of the GCSU College Republicans. "I hope students gain the feeling that Senators and Congressmen are approachable and have the best interests of their constituents in mind."

Senator Page 2

Pi Kappa Phi promotes protecting under belt

By ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

The "Test on the 10th" campaign, run by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at GCSU, is a crusade to educate and draw awareness to testicular cancer.

With help from several offices on campus, Pi Kappa Phi organized "Test on the 10th" in an effort to inform young men to perform a Testicular Self-Exam (TSE) every tenth of the month. In a joint effort, Student Affairs, The GIVE Center, Student Government Association, Student Health Services, Hands On Milledgeville, Counseling Services, University Housing and Campus Activities Board provided money to buy shower cards, which promote awareness and explain to perform a TSE.

"We have already given out like 500 cards; the goal is to get out 3,000 this year," Paul F. Sedor II, assistant director of The GIVE Center and Department of Campus Life, said.

Intramural Sports holds a monthly event near the tenth of every month called "Play With Your Balls."

"During the DZ Tug last semester we had a soccer course that we set up down below of Saga and Chick-fil-A," Alden Williams, Warden of Pi Kappa Phi, said. "As you went through the course, before you signed up to do it, you got information on

awareness about testicular cancer."

The Department of Athletics has attributed t-shirts to the cause as well.

"We were passing out shirts at the basketball game last Wednesday," Williams said.

According to the National Cancer Institute, unlike prostate cancer, testicular cancer is a college age disease. Most young men are most prone to getting testicular cancer between the ages of 15 and 34, with 85 percent of the cases happening between the ages of 18 and 24.

Testicular cancer grows at a rapid rate and spreads very quickly.

"Early detection is key in all types of cancer, and this is one type that does not give enough face time and we are trying to change that," Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity member, Ryan Reynolds said.

"If you were to get a physical over the summer, and you were perfectly clean, you could go home over Christmas Break and find out you have Stage 3 Testicular Cancer," Sedor said. "It progresses to Stage 3 in about a semester's time. Stage 3 is fatal."

There is now a monthly text message that can be sent directly to your phone as a reminder to do a monthly self-exam.

"If you text 'the10th' to 41411 you will automatically be added to a list that will send out a text mes-



What:

Pi Kappa Phi campaign to remind young men to perform a Testicular Self-Exam (TSE).

When:

The tenth of each month.

Why:

An estimated 85 percent of testicular cancer cases occur between the ages of 18 and 24.

sage the tenth of every month reminding you to check yourself for testicular cancer," Reynolds said.

"Test every single month because you have to catch it really quickly or it can be fatal. If they catch it quickly (there is a) very great success rates," Sedor said.

To find out more about information concerning "Test on the 10th" visit: <http://www.gcsupikapps.com/the10th>, and for information regarding the text message visit: <http://www.gcsupikapps.com/the10threminder>. For the latest news on testicular cancer and how to donate visit: <http://www.everyman-campaign.org/>.

Senator

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At around 2:15 p.m., Isakson made his entrance, making it a point to firmly shake every hand in the room. With his cordial small talk and polite jokes, Isakson eased the crowd with an air of genuine Southern likeability.

Justin Reeves, sophomore history major and SGA senator, was excited to see GCSU host a local politician.

"It gives students a voice and lets us know what's going on in the upper echelon of our government," Reeves said.

After his quick 15-minute speech, Isakson opened the room for an informal Q&A session. He answered seven questions from the audience, but only two from the 30 or so GCSU students who attended.

When asked about the possibility of a civilian draft for the War in Iraq, Isakson dismissed the notion: "I don't think a draft is a plausible solution because of the high technological proficiency needed to operate our military."

Just nine days before, Isakson spent the night in a Sheraton hotel in Baghdad, Iraq. He claims that it's a very "calm environment in the green zone." Isakson states that during his time in Iraq, "I have yet to find a soldier who had a single negative complaint about the War on Terror."

On the issue of education, Isakson was firm on his view to reauthorize his NCLB Act. Yet Isakson also spoke of the needed reforms to the bill, such as re-examining special education and non-English speaking student assessments, as well as changing the definition of "qualified teachers" and giving a



Isakson's Issues

Stem Cell Research:

Needs improvements without destroying the embryo.

Fair Tax: Get rid of the income tax before implementing a new sales tax.

Immigration: Secure the Southern border, and modernize the legal immigration process.

Health Reform: Require every citizen to have health insurance, and give tax cuts to those who can't afford it.

three-year cushion for schools before labeling them with a "needs improvement" stigma.

Higher education bills regarding student loans are also at the top of the education agenda according to Isakson.

"In the end, the most important thing is to see to it that all of our citizens have access to the highest education possible," Isakson said.

To Reeves, Isakson's answers seemed fair.

"I haven't been one to support the No Child Left Behind Act, but he did bring up a lot of weakness in it. I also liked the points he made about the progress in Iraq. I don't think everything is as perfect as he says, but I think he was pretty bipartisan in most things he said," Reeves said.

Joel Graham, sophomore economics major, wished Isakson could have covered one more topic.

"He pretty much covered all that was on my mind except for Social Security. I wish that would have been brought up because it certainly needs to be looked at for our generation," Graham said.

Kaleigh Alcaez, sophomore early education major, also hoped Isakson could have answered more questions.

"I wish he would have

gone into more detail with the No Child Left Behind Act since I've heard a lot of criticism mainly from educators, but what he said seemed good," Alcaez said. "Even though I'm not a full-fledged republican I actually agreed with a lot of what he said."

One GCSU student was inspired to take action during Senator Isakson's visit. Daniel Shey, junior political science major and SGA senator, handed a two-page official recommendation on the limitations of terms for Senate bill S-1959 regarding Homegrown Terrorism.

"I think several things need to be limited (in the bill) to protect our civil liberties. I hope (Isakson) reads it and thinks about it because right now is the time when he can make changes to the bill before it passes," Shey said.

Even though Senator Isakson's visit was short, it seems to have made a positive impact with the GCSU students who attended. However, some wish that more GCSU students could have benefited from this rare visit from such an esteemed public official.

"I wish it would have been bigger (in student turnout), and I wish we could get students more active in politics because you don't see a U.S. Senator at your college everyday," Reeves said.

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OUR VOICE

Milledgeville - a weekday fling

So, where were you last weekend? I can tell you where you probably weren't: Milledgeville. Yeah, we know some of you stayed. But we bet we know where you weren't on Monday: The city's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

Here at The Colonnade we've gone into this tirade in "The Voice" before, where we admonish the students for not actually staying in town on the weekends and doing things with the community. But we polled the room as this was written, and found out that of the eight editors in the office, only five of us had been in town that weekend. Several of us stayed in town overnight but would go to Macon during the day or evening.

And yes, only one of our reporters attended the MLK Day celebration, and the rest of us were occupied elsewhere.

So now that we've 'fessed up' and stepped off our soapbox, let's take a look at the situation here from the same standpoint as everyone else.

It's not that there's nothing to do in Milledgeville - we've got restaurants and bars open every night of the week, a movie theatre with some of the latest films, a skating rink that only a few members of the staff have visited, a bowling alley and a nice lake not even ten minutes up the road.

So what does your home city have that Milledgeville doesn't?

The key word was home. Home, wherever that is, feels warm and inviting, with family and old friends waiting for you. Milledgeville, particularly for new students may feel a bit daunting and unfriendly.

It seems to be a common feeling among students that the majority of the residents of Milledgeville don't like the college students much. And unless we're very much mistaken, it would seem that many college students are none-too-friendly back.

It seems like the lack of students in town and their attending town functions is related to this mutual distaste that the students and residents share for each other.

Of course, the students dislike Milledgeville because of such changes as two-hour parking and the rezoning to limit where students can live. The city dislikes us because we hurt downtown business by clogging the parking places and the presence of a badly maintained college-student house can kill the value of homes in a neighborhood.

It seems like a vicious cycle - the city has to look out for its best interests, the students have to look out for theirs, and when there is overlap, the two clash.

So no wonder some students are inclined to leave on weekends. Who would want to stay in the middle of a relative war zone? Especially not when a more familiar town awaits back home - wherever that may be.

So what can we, the students do? And what can the residents of Milledgeville, and the City Council do? How can we mutually overcome these hurdles and create an environment in which the students and residents live in harmony?

Hell if we know.

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Frustration high as elections near



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

On Saturday of last week, I turned on the TV to catch up on old sitcoms. To my dismay, it seemed like every channel I turned to had some election coverage on. Now, I love politics. I've even spent a large portion of my life being a political junkie, but sometimes one can have too much of politics.

There is only one word to accurately describe my feelings towards the election this year - frustration. I am utterly frustrated that there are only a few good candidates out there and that even the best of them can't get air time against the heavy-weights of the Washington establishment.

It's easy to watch the news and see all the candidates make their ludicrous promises and think, "Does any of this really matter?" Thinking about it rationally, only one of these politicians will become our

President next year, and by that time, they'll have forgotten their promises anyway. It doesn't seem to matter.

That's exactly how I felt Saturday. While political news is surely better than round the clock Anna Nicole Smith coverage or Natalee Holloway or Jamie Lynn Spears coverage for that matter, it's hard to see the good in the politicians when almost all of them are so bad.

It's true. I believe most all of these politicians are bad. Every time you turn on a candidate speech in a battleground state they are always talking about this new government program or all the money they will throw at this failing sector of the government. For instance, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are detailing their economic stimulus package that they plan to bring up this year in the Senate. Hillary Clinton plans on a 70 billion dollar package; Barack Obama's costs 75 billion. I'm all for an economic stimulus based on rebates, tax cuts or less government regulation. However, Obamas and Clinton's plan has the main goal of increasing unemployment benefits. In essence, their plan to get people back to work is to pay people more not to work. I'm not sure I understand the logic.

What we must realize is

that every single penny that the government spends to expand or to redistribute wealth costs us more freedom in terms of private property. Whenever the government gets larger, every American's personal freedom shrinks.

This may not always be a bad thing. I support the government building more jails when need be, and taking away the freedoms of murderers, rapists, child abusers and the like. But I don't like the idea of government taking our freedom, stealing our money and bossing us around because some bureaucrat in Washington believes they can run our lives better than we can.

The hot topic of this election seems to be nationalized health care. Democrats, and even some Republicans, are hopping on the ideological bandwagon that it should be the government taking care of your health, and making your life and death decisions instead of you. There are definitely many flaws with the current health care establishment in America, but if it was really examined, I am confident these flaws can be reconciled with deregulation and free-market capitalism.

There is just one underlying issue in this election. The singular issue is freedom. Every single

political debate in the nation revolves around freedom. In terms of the war in Iraq, the U.S. is paying billions of dollars of a week to keep up the fighting. Which is more important, saving U.S. citizens billions of dollars which provides for their economic freedom or giving the Iraqis a real shot at having true freedom? Even in the decades-old issue of abortion, which freedom matters more, a living woman's freedom to choose or an unborn baby's freedom to live? Obviously, there is no easy answer in these issues where two different kinds of freedom compete. But freedom is and must remain the main issue.

The next four years will shape our nation in freedom issues: the Iraq War, the Iranian conflict, the Patriot Act, nationalized health care, taxes, hate crime laws (really thought crime laws), government spending and every single social issue imaginable. It is up to us whether we would like to continue the American experiment in personal liberty or if we'd like to relegate our freedom to government authority. This year the choice is ours, and that is why even when politics frustrates us we must realize that freedom truly matters.

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Food shopping can be hard to stomach



BY ERIC JONES
COLUMNIST

The most profound reality-check for students living the vacation life of college is grocery shopping. For us, it is a vile act of peering into the Mirror of Galadriel and seeing ourselves ten, twenty and thirty years in the future still lost somewhere between the deli meats and the Mallowmars. Unlike the personal grooming habits that we've been taught throughout our young lives, searching for canned foods on a budget for most college students is completely foreign and seldom talked about in a communal environment. Perhaps because of its personal nature, the topic is often swept under the rug and covered with tales of underage drinking and teenage pregnancy. Why kid ourselves? You may

not drink underage or get pregnant before marriage, and even if you do, counseling will be readily available as will support groups. But as certain as death you will go grocery shopping and nobody will be there to help you.

I was first forced to confront this fact only a couple of years ago when I finally decided to quit commuting and move to Milledgeville. Other than a few sporadic warnings of spending too much I was never really consulted about the cold hard facts of the process. A grocery store is like a hospital. It has two completely different faces, a pleasant one for the family in the waiting room, and a sterile hell for the sucker on the slab. As a child I practically skipped down the aisles while my mother suffered to reconstruct her list so that it fit the stores new layout. I sipped sample Gatorade while she shuffled on hands and knees through gallons of pasteurized milk to find the latest expiration date.

I once found myself face to face with an ex-girlfriend in Wal-Mart. I was shifting through frozen dinners with a cart full of cranberry juice. When she inquired about

my new taste for cranberry juice I was forced to explain my late kidney infection. I tried come up with an effective lie, but there's really no other use for cranberry juice. If you want to avoid the social faux pas of grocery shopping you have to know what you're doing. Here's a quick crash course:

1. Make a List - Your list isn't just some scratches on a torn piece of paper. It's your game plan. It's your entire operation. Know what you have in your kitchen and know specifically what you need. Know your budget and know what each item is going to run you.

2. Get In, Get Out - College students typically look like fish when they're shopping. We wander around wide-eyed and directionless, attracted to anything with a yellow sticker. The bells and whistles of Ben and Jerry's and twelve hundred different variations of the same cereal are like siren songs for us. Time and space distorts and all sensory perception stretches out in front of us like a tunnel. An hour long trip turns into three hours. Twenty dollars turns into fifty. Students get lost. Sometimes they don't

come back. Stick to your list and your budget, they are everything.

3. Shop with a friend - This one is questionable because some of your friends are better than others. Remember that in battle, a friend isn't just a friend, they're a comrade. They can either help you out or slow you down. Choose wisely.

4. Don't Shop Hungry - If your list is well thought out and you have the self discipline that most of us lack then this shouldn't be a problem. But if you're like most of us, you are at your most vulnerable to those bells and whistles when you're hungry, and more likely to buy everything on the shelf that you wish was in your stomach. Stay strong.

5. Talk About It - I know it's hard, but this is something that everybody has to face. As a liberal arts community we shouldn't be afraid to put it out there. Yeah, I'm Eric and I have no idea if pitted olives means they've had the pits removed or if they are in fact "with pit." I'm not ashamed of this, and I know I'm not the only one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Colonnade too general

Dear Editor,

I hope that in the future Colonnade writers are more careful about generalizing. In this story ("Pregnancy Center offers assistance," Jan. 18) the author claims that, "Crossroads Pregnancy Center is true to their Christian roots and believes that life begins at conception." However, not all Christians believe this concept. Furthermore, not all Christians are anti-choice. For example, an entire denomination, United Church of Christ, endorses

the pro-choice stance.

The misconception in this article reminded me of one in last year's Colonnade in the sport's section. The author had equated Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to the Equal Rights Amendment. They are not the same thing; in fact, the Equal Rights Amendment has never been passed. That amendment trying to establish equal rights under the law for Americans regardless of gender unfortunately did not receive enough ratifications from the requi-

site number of states before the deadline to be passed. Title IX, however, is an amendment in place dealing with school funding for programs regardless of gender.

Hope I was able to clear a few things up. Other than those slip-ups, I believe The Colonnade staff does a superior job of reporting their stories. Kudos. Sincerely,

Kristin Fadeley
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information systems

Focused on the wrong guy

The following is a post on our Web site in response to the article "New Yorkers duke it out in 2008" that appeared in the Jan. 18 issue of The Colonnade.

I don't know where you're looking to get your information from, but I'd hardly consider Giuliani a

front-runner in the election, much less THE front-runner. I understand that you're looking to compare two different people with similarities in the election, but you're reaching a bit. Don't get me wrong, at this point I'm voting for Giuliani, I'm not counting him out ... I just think you need to focus

more on candidates, especially Republicans, who seem to have more power in this election so far. Sincerely,

Hannah Stone
sophomore
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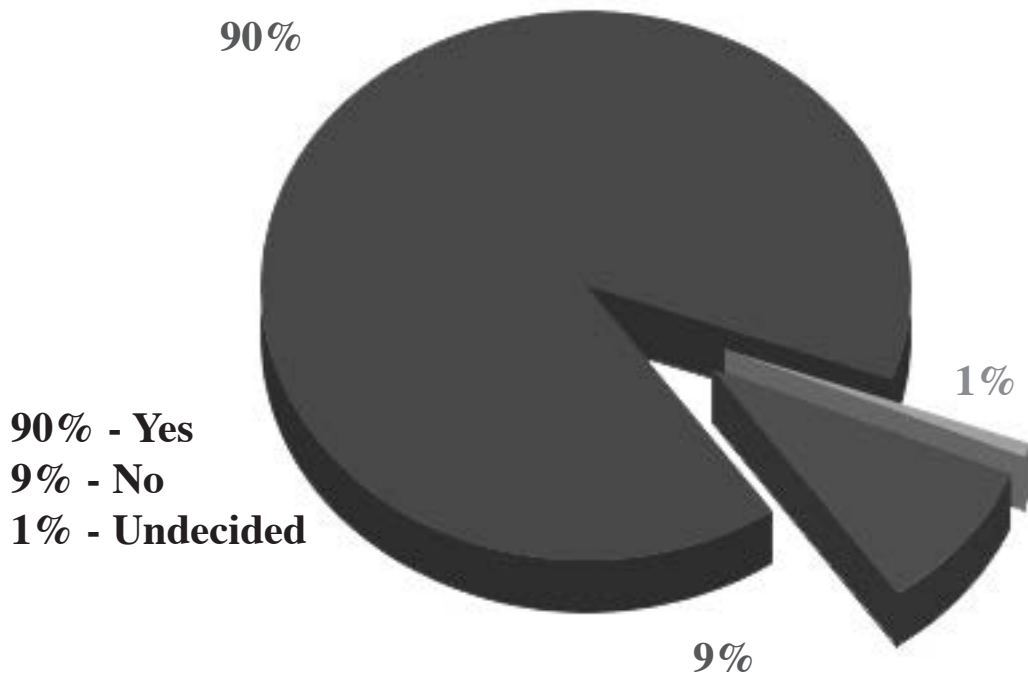
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Do you plan, at this time, to live in University Housing next year?



Next week's question:

Are you going to GCSU Idol and/or Homecoming 2008?

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What does the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday mean to you?



"It's a time to celebrate one of our great American leaders."

Leigh Griffith, senior, liberal studies

"I think it's a great time to reflect on how far this nation has come and to think about the future."

Chevene Simmons, senior, biology



"The holiday means to me a symbol of what he did as a whole for all races."

Kiarra Moore, freshman, pre-nursing



"He was a fallen hero, whose life was taken too early. His presence is still felt today and will always be missed."

Clayton Jolly, senior, criminal justice



"It represents freedom and equality between the races."

Jamil Purnell, freshman, business



Reported by Courtney Murrah

The Litter Box

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So will we actually have karaoke on Karaoke Night next week or will it still be Capital City Mark II?

I could do without the Bible thumpers and Civil War reenactments, but iced sweet tea made moving here from the North more than worth my while.

1) Since when was the role of the student not to ask questions? My professors encourage independent thinking, but almost every organization I participate in enforces an unspoken "norm," whether that norm is liberal or conservative, any suggestion for change is shot down before the argument is even fully developed!

2) I hate this weather! It needs to decide if it wants to be cold or hot. A week ago it was snowing and now only a slightly warm jacket is required. I appreciate not freezing, but this presents a challenge every morning and a sincere wish for a reliable crystal ball!

I have noticed, as a resident in University Housing, that the residential body is not only being misrepresented, but also ignored. Organizations, such as the Resident Student Association (RSA), Student Government Association (SGA) and other similar groups, have completely ignored elected representatives of the residential body. Looking at recent RSA events, I have found that my representatives did not have a vote in them and were not asked to vote by the elected officials. As a resident, I feel that RSA has no interest in my needs or wants and spends my money for their personal satisfaction and entertainment. SGA has done similar grievances in that they have ignored issues the student body has expressed continuing to satisfy their own political agendas in their student elected positions. Both these organization are meant to serve the students and represent them to the administration, faculty, and staff of GCSU. Neither has fulfilled their purpose. Instead they focus on themselves and immaturely run each organization. I believe each student should go to these organizations and question what they have done for them. What issues have they addressed? In what issues have they made changes? Do they even know or understand the needs and concerns of the student body? Do they even care?

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PHOTO BY ERIN GISH/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Lindsay Bailey, makes her best "O-Face" impression, part of the shock value that is prevalent in the "Vagina Monologues."



PHOTO BY ERIN GISH/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Denise Chambers reads an emotional part of the play as she tries out for a part in the upcoming show.

'Vagina' searches for new faces

APRIL ARGO
STAFF WRITER

The staff of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) is making another effort to bring itself out into the open by presenting "The Vagina Monologues" again this year.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the performances will be held in Magnolia Ball Room at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15. The proceeds will be divided between the Resource Center and the V-Day organization.

V-Day is a nonprofit organization that circulates proceeds to other groups working to stop domestic violence. Ten percent will go to V-Day while the other 90 percent will stay on campus enabling the WRC to provide more services to students. A little over \$800 was raised by the two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" last year.

All of the awareness efforts started when Eve Ensler, the play's author, first performed the monologues in 1997. Every year, she adds a

new monologue to the collection to go along with the current focus which usually coincides with recent events. This keeps the play updated. This year's focus is the women of New Orleans affected by Hurricane Katrina.

While some may argue that "The Vagina Monologues" are outdated and irrelevant, Ensler strives to prove that the issues in the play affect everyone whether they have a vagina or not. Meghan Fleming, a junior art major, is directing this year's show.

"It amazes me how many people meet on this campus and are ashamed or feel it is taboo," said Fleming. "I think this play opens up an opportunity to think and react. It opens a lot of doors and allows people to question."

This can explain why the show is still being done, and women are still eager to perform the monologues year after year.

Girls of all different backgrounds gathered in the WRC here on the GCSU Campus to audition. Each was given part of a monologue

from the script to read.

Lindsay Bailey, a senior psychology major, auditioned for the show because he said he liked it. It is the story of a woman who is ashamed of her body until she sleeps with an average man named Bob and all he wants to do is look at her. He makes her feel beautiful.

"This promotes awareness for different problems women face like breast cancer and domestic violence," Bailey said. "It is also empowering and uplifting. I just want to be a part of it."

Jennifer Graham-Stephens, coordinator of the WRC, hopes that this play will open some topics up for discussion.

"The purpose of performing this play every year is to reach new students and inform people of the violence against women," Graham-Stephens said. "We are in a pursuit of awareness."

The efforts of the WRC will not end with the Valentine's weekend performances. In April, they will present a new collection of monologues written by Ensler called "A Memory, A Rant,

and A Prayer."

The WRC's mission is to offer help and support to women and men at any point in their lives. The proceeds from these shows will help grow the center to be able to serve the campus more.

WRC is a cozy room located in MSU 143. The doors are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Whether a student is looking for help, someone to talk to or just relax and take a break, she is welcome.

"Come hang out. Use the resources we have like our books and computers. It is a good place to study," Stephens-Graham said. "If you are in a crisis, definitely come. We can give you options that you may not even know exist."

For questions, help, or to volunteer in the Women's Resource Center or on "The Vagina Monologues," contact Jennifer Graham-Stephens at 478-445-8156 or jennifer.graham-stephens@gcsu.edu.

Sister Hazel coming to GCSU

ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

There will be something to leap for on Leap Day, Feb. 29.

Sister Hazel, a popular rock band, is headlining this year's Homecoming Festivities as part of a school wide promotion to show off their "Bobcat Pride."

News of the band's performance surfaced shortly after spring semester started mostly due to the buzz created by Facebook event invitations.

"It's true, and it is official," Ryan Greene, SGA president said. "We definitely have them signed with a contract."

Campus Activities Board, Campus Life and SGA are the hosts of the concert which will be held on Feb. 29 on West Campus.

Caitlyn Davison, a sophomore psychology major, is excited about the band's show at GCSU.

"This will definitely improve homecoming," Davison said. "And Sister Hazel is also one of my favorite bands and a lot of

my friends and I are excited."

Student tickets will be sold for \$5 and will go one pre-sale as soon as details are finalized.

"We tried to keep the ticket price as low as possible," Greene said. "We were able to afford Sister Hazel but we definitely wanted to show student fees at work. We're not here to make profit. We want to make homecoming really great this year and hopefully to make it a bigger deal every year."

Other artists considered for this year's festivities was up-and-coming artist Colbie Callait. However, it ultimately decided that Sister Hazel would better serve the students.

As of publication day, Facebook has over 1,000 confirmed guest. Sponsors SGA, RSA and CAB are capping the total number of tickets on sale for the event. Ticket sales will also be open to the public.

"GCSU students should have prior knowledge of when the tickets will go on sale before we go and and advertise to the public,"

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The GIVE Center 'inspires' students

KATHERINE BARRON
STAFF WRITER

Spiritual and political leader Gandhi told people to "be the change you wish to see in the world." GCSU students now have the opportunity to do that through Inspire By Example, a new organization at The GIVE Center.

Inspire By Example will provide up to \$100 service grants to students who have a service idea and want to give back to their school or the community.

Kendall Stiles, director of The GIVE Center, originally came up with the proposal for additional funding. She heard about a national organization called "Do Something," which provides people between the ages of 14 to 24 with volunteer opportunities in their local area.

When thinking of a proper title for the organization, she decided to use the word 'inspire' because that is one of The GIVE Center's missions.

"It's one of the best words in the dictionary," said Stiles. "It's what we do."

Filling out an application is the first step in the process of acquiring a mini-grant for one's service idea. The student must choose a non-profit organization, or their proposal will not be considered.

"This is not a donation," said Stiles. "This is a grant."

The student or student group may then be contacted by The GIVE Team, a group comprised of 12 GCSU servant leaders. They will need to meet with a selection committee during one of the three specified evaluation dates of the week. If three or more GIVE Team leaders agree to award the student or student group with a grant, they can then implement their service idea and begin to inspire others.

Lyric Burnett, sopho-

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Campus radio hopes to tune-in students

CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

WGUR 88.9 FM "The Edge" is GCSU's student run-radio station, offering many new radio sets, talk shows, and is even hoping to broadcast at a higher wattage in the near future.

Broadcasting Monday through Friday, there is a constant flow of radio shows and News talk on air. Students can listen at any time during the day at 88.9 FM or on Channel 58 on the GCSU cable network. This semester many new shows are being offered for all students. The biggest sports fanatic to the average GCSU student can be pleased with the wide selection of shows.

"I think that WGUR is a good way for students at GCSU to get involved and allow other students to listen to a local news station that they themselves can

contribute toward in many ways. This helps the people who participate as DJ's to gain vital experience in the field of broadcasting and radio," said Ben Elliot, a freshman mass communication major seeking a telecommunication concentration.

One new show for the semester is hosted by Caleb Rule and Beau Washburn. Beginning at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, they discuss a wide variety of topics centralized around sports and often talking about subjects like NFL football and GCSU sports.

"We know what we are talking about when it comes to sports. Beau and me have similar interests, but because we root for different teams we have good on-air chemistry," said Caleb Rule, a sophomore honors student.

Another new show this semester is done by Mike

King, the WGUR Program Director. King is hosting "GIVE Center Hour" with Kendall Stiles, The GIVE Center director. Every Wednesday at 12 p.m. they will discuss all the volunteer events for the week, as well as future programs to be held. This is an opportunity for students to be more informed of what they can do to volunteer at GCSU and in the local community.

"We have a lot more programming going on early in the semester than in previous years," says Angela Criscoe, a mass communication instructor and WGUR's advisor.

WGUR also offers the Top 40 Countdown and Pop music from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Different students come in to manage the selection and act as DJ's at different times. For example, Ben Elliot and Justin Hand have an afternoon

rock show entitled "Afternoon Alternative," from 6 to 7 p.m. They play music like Muse, Coheed and Cambria, AFI, Smashing Pumpkins, Brand New, and many others. During the show they also cover a variety of news from random, odd stories to breaking news stories.

One problem WGUR is trying to tackle is the lack of early-morning listeners, which they are trying to solve by getting more faculty and staff listeners at those times.

"A lot of times students are either in class or sleeping before twelve o'clock. So we wanted programming to target our faculty and staff, because we think if we can target them with news, events, and weather we can get their support in

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FILE PHOTO
WGUR has a variety of shows which includes country, rock, sports-talk and a host of variety shows.

For the animals at ARF, home is where the paw is

KATIE HUSTON
SENIOR REPORTER

A man and a woman get married. The man has two Siamese cats that have been together for four years. This displeases the woman. The husband is left to figure out a solution to this little problem and save his new marriage from an early demise.

His solution is the Animal Rescue Foundation, or as it is more commonly known in Milledgeville, ARF.

With special cases like this one, ARF likes to embrace their humanity.

The typical price of adopting a pet is \$80 but in the case of the Siamese cats, ARF is adopting both the cats for one \$80 fee. Keeping in mind the animal's best interest, ARF does what it can not to separate animals that have been together many years.

The foundation has been serving Middle Georgia since 1983. It is a place dedicated to finding homes for abandoned animals and to educate the public on proper care for their pets.

The year 2008 is a year-long celebration for ARF. It is the foundation's twenty-fifth anniversary and some new methods of fundraising

and training pets are already underway.

One new training method is "clicker training" where animals learn positive reinforcement through a trigger, which in this case is the clicking.

Pavielle Ludlow, a senior, is the volunteer coordinator at ARF and has been volunteering for three years. She is one of the volunteers who is a clicker trainer.

"Basically, it's a mental photograph for the dog," Ludlow said. "The click means 'good' and that's how we start them off."

Though cats can be clicker trained, none of the cats at ARF are due to the lack of volun-

teers to oversee the training. Clicker training causes no aggression and becomes ingrained in the animal.

"They associate the clicker with treats and goodness," Ludlow said. "Eventually you don't need the clicker."

Micro-chipping is another service offered by ARF with help from HomeAgain, a pet recovery service. It can be obtained by paying an extra \$40 fee when adopting an animal.

"What it does is it inserts a tiny grain sized micro-chip into the dog," Ludlow said. "Should your pet get lost, you call

in HomeAgain, and HomeAgain sends out a notification to all the human societies, animal shelters, vet offices and other people who have the HomeAgain Program."

A new addition to the ARF building, and something the people at ARF are especially proud of, is their new dog room. The dog room opened a few months ago and has larger cages for the canines.

"They are happier, they have more room, (and) they can bounce back and forth," Ludlow said. "The volunteers, if they don't want to walk (the dogs), they can just sit and play and just brush them and play with

them."

A large portion of the construction was donated to ARF, and the labor was entirely donated.

"We are strictly a non-profit organization so we rely strictly on donations," Ludlow said.

ARF's adoption fee is \$80 which includes spaying and neutering and all up to date shots.

"It's actually cheaper than if you were to go get an animal, take it to the vet (and) get all those shots," Ludlow said.

Certain guidelines always apply for people looking to adopt from ARF.

"We generally don't adopt animals out to peo-

ple who have animals who aren't spayed and neutered," Ludlow said. "Also, we don't adopt out to people who keep the animals on a chain."

Volunteers are in short supply at the foundation. Some professors require that their students volunteer with ARF, but these students tend to not stick around after they have satisfied their required volunteer hours.

Leah Nazzaro, a student at GCSU, has been volunteering at ARF for about a week.

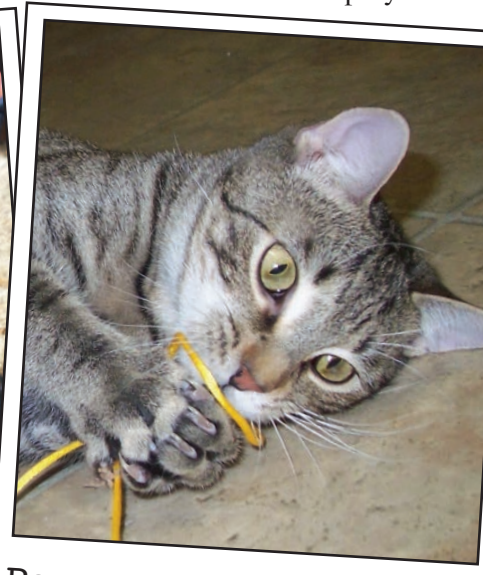
"I actually came here to get a cat and just decided to volunteer instead," Nazzaro said.

"These animals are well loved, and they're very happy," Ludlow said. "A lot of people think they're stuck in cages, (or) they're miserable and everything. However, we're doing the best to our ability."

Upcoming events for ARF include the tenth Annual ARF Auction "It's Reigning Cats and Dogs" in March and "Doggie Fashion Show" in the spring. In addition, ARF is hosting a Build a Brick Campaign to memorialize special pets and loved ones. To get involved with ARF visit AnimalRescueFoundation.org.



Kenya, 1 year old lab



Boss, male tabby cat



Goldie, 4 year old retriever mix

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Justin Haight, SGA vice-president said.

The concert will be a part of a series of week long events promoting this year's homecoming theme: "Blue & Green

Like You've Never Seen." Some events will give free ticket opportunities for the Sister Hazel concert.

And as typical of collegiate gathering like tailgating, many students may be planning on tailgating.

"Tailgating is to be expected," Greene said. "It is strongly being consid-

ered that we will be able to let in a limited amount of alcohol for people of age."

As for Davison, tailgating does not seem to be the main excitement.

"I will be there for the amazing music," Davison said. "I'm just so excited that the GCSU is doing this for Homecoming."

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other ways," Criscoe said.

This semester there are also more plans for public promotional events. Every Spring there is an annual concert known as Fool's Day Out. The folks at WGUR pride themselves in hosting independent and upcoming bands. A big move for the WGUR radio station is its recent application for getting more wattage. They currently have 37 watts, and they

want to improve to 5,000 watts. Their application is pending.

WGUR has a lot to offer listeners, and also a lot to offer students wanted to get involved with the organization. Students can do the obvious—be a discussion leader in talk shows, control music selections, run the audio board or even DJ. Yet, there is a still a lot of other jobs open to students. One prime example is AD sales. WGUR is always looking for those interested in advertising and selling banner space from their

website. Overall, there are many opportunities available for those interested in the process of radio broadcasting.

"It is a job you have to be committed to and stay committed to," Criscoe said.

Overall, WGUR is doing new and big things this semester. If students want to stay tuned into the activities on campus—this is an easy and entertaining way to do so. For more information about the new schedule students can log on to www.gcsuradio.com.

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more pre-mass communication major, is the servant leader for Inspire By Example. One of her main responsibilities involves doing PR for service grants in order to recruit students for the organization.

"I want to be able to plant seeds in their heads that we are willing to help," said Burnett. "We want students to realize that this is a great opportunity and they don't have to start at the bottom."

Pi Kappa Phi is one of the first student groups to submit an application for a service grant. If given a grant, their fraternity broth-

ers will take turns riding a stationary bike placed on the front lawn of the Arts & Science building for 36 hours.

Alex Beck, vice president of Pi Kappa Phi and senior outdoor education major, will be presenting their proposal this week.

"Anything we do charity wise is for Push America," said Beck. "They're our national philanthropy. We want to raise awareness for people with disabilities and raise money for Push America by collecting donations."

Once the student or student group has completed their service project, they must submit a project completion report and turn in itemized receipts in order

to receive the grant. Funds will be given only for the items on the receipt and only up to \$100.

Inspire By Example is sponsored by SGA, The GIVE Center and Hands on Milledgeville. Applications can be picked up at The GIVE Center. The application includes the guidelines for the mini-service grants and the steps for submitting a project completion report.

Anyone with an interest in giving to and inspiring others can be a part of Inspire By Example.

"It's not about how you write or how you speak," said Stiles. "It's about how passionate you are about the cause."

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Junior guard Chuck Eason drives past a Georgia Southwestern defender during the Bobcats' 100-62 win at the Centennial Center on Wednesday.

Bobcats win two at home, lose on road

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

The 07-08 basketball season has been outstanding for the Bobcats thus far, featuring several blowout wins and a strong start in conference play. GCSU had a three-game winning streak heading into their game against Francis Marion University on Jan. 19, and looked to push it to four in the Centennial Center.

The Patriots were outmatched from the opening tip, as the Bobcats stretched their lead to sixteen at halftime and turned on the cruise control in a 66-40 victory. The win kept GCSU undefeated at home this season, and maintained their third place standing in the Peach Belt Conference.

A solid defense pushed the Bobcats through an average performance by the team's standards. Senior center Aaron Clark led in both points and rebounds, with 12 and eight respectively, going five-of-seven from the field.

Monday, Jan. 21 marked the first road game for GCSU in

Team Leaders

Points:	
Shaun Keaton	292
Rebounds:	
Aaron Clark	108
Assists:	
Shaun Keaton	45
Minutes:	
Aaron Clark	469

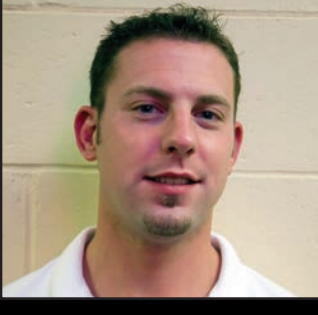
almost three weeks. Clayton State University was the site of the PBC matchup, and the Lakers were rude hosts. CSU took the win 67-59 on the worst shooting night of the season for the Bobcats.

GCSU connected on a horrendous 15 of 51 shots or 29.4 percent.

"We've been shooting the ball well all year," said Coach Terry Sellers. "But we have also had our off nights, and the Clayton State

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

'Hit by the golf bug'

Growing up my entire life seemed to revolve around sports, especially playing them. Whether it was baseball, basketball or football, it seemed that if I wasn't in school I was either playing or practicing for one of them.

So when I got to college and no longer played competitively, it seemed like my sporting days were over.

But during my sophomore year, I was hit by a bug: the golfing bug.

I did not grow up playing golf. My dad always said, "It will mess up your (baseball) swing."

However, many of my friends played and although I had tried it once or twice, rather unsuccessfully to say the least, I borrowed a set of clubs from a friend and gave it another crack about eight months ago.

Obsessed may be a strong word, but I cannot think of a better word to describe myself when it comes to this game. I find myself either on a driving range or golf course at least two to three times a week when I find the time to slip away from the everyday drag.

I have managed to subscribe to both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine, and the Golf Channel is often on my TV.

I will not pretend that I am a very good golfer, because I am not. I am, what I like to call, an improving high-handicapper.

I see a lot of people from the school on the golf course, some are good players and most are more like me, but let me tell you that watching the GCSU golfers at work is pretty impressive.

I spent about two hours today walking seven holes with some of the golf players while they were playing a qualifying round at Milledgeville Country Club, and it was really an experience to watch these guys up close.

I realize they are not professional golfers, but they are the closest things I have seen up close to it.

The most impressive thing that I saw from them,

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COREY DICKSTEIN / SPORTS EDITOR
Senior Kyle Collins hits his driver on the second hole at Milledgeville Country Club during qualifying Wednesday afternoon. The No. 18 Bobcats see their first action of the spring on Feb. 11 at Florida Southern University.

Weather a factor in golf qualifying

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU's golf team has seen changing conditions during its qualifying stages over the past two weeks.

So what made for the worst conditions?

"Last Wednesday (Jan. 16) was the toughest golf I've ever played," said freshman Joe Young. "We were out there in the snow and sleet. It was the first time I'd ever played in snow."

It was also the first time that senior Kyle Collins had played in the snow before.

"You're out there just trying to stay warm and dry,"

Collins said. "Every once in a while we were out there knocking ice off our shoes."

The conditions affect the players both physically and mentally.

"It's a grind out there under normal conditions," Collins said. "I have played in bad conditions before, but when it is that cold and windy, you lose your feel. If you hit it bad on top of all that, it only makes it tougher mentally."

On Wednesday the team played a qualifying round at Milledgeville Country Club.

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Ladies have inconsistent week; sit in fourth place

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU's Women's Basketball team capped an inconsistent week with a second half surge to beat Georgia Southwestern State University 81-59 Wednesday night at the Centennial Center.

The Lady Bobcats (10-5 overall, 5-3 Peach Belt Conference) peaked on Saturday, upsetting No. 24 ranked Francis Marion University 90-84 at home before dropping Monday's game at Clayton State University 80-73 and finally downing GSW.

Head coach John Carrick remained confident in the ability of his team.

"This team can play with anyone on the schedule if they play with passion," Carrick said. "If we just play with passion and shoot the ball well we are going to beat anybody on our schedule."

That passion was on display against FMU. Senior guard Lindsey Smith put together a strong performance scoring a career high 21 points while grabbing seven rebounds and adding seven assists. Redshirt junior guard Emily Bixler tallied 17 points and 11 rebounds for her fourth double double of the season.

The game saw eight lead changes but senior guard Elicia Lynch nailed two free throws with 2:54 remaining in the game to

put the Lady Bobcats up for good.

"I feel like we've had passion in just about every single game we've played, but we didn't have it the other night with Clayton State," Carrick said. "We played like we were in quick sand."

GCSU found themselves down by 16 points with 2:42 remaining in the first half, but managed to cut the lead to eight going into the half after shooting on

27.3 percent from the field.

The Lady Bobcats played better in the second half, outscoring the Lakers 47-46.

"Clayton State has some kind of mental whammy on us, because they are not as good as what they have been," Carrick said. "I personally hope we play them in the playoffs."

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ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior forward Tonishia Wimbush flies in for a layup against Georgia Southwestern on Wednesday. The Bobcats eventually took care of the Hurricanes 81-59 after a slow start found them trailing at the half.

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Wednesday 7:30 p.m. @Columbus St.

Women's Basketball:

Saturday 5:30 p.m. @USC- Aiken
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. @Columbus St.

Quote of the Week

"Everybody's got a button, and it's my job to find that button."

-GCSU Women's basketball Head Coach **John Carrick** talking about how to motivate a team to play harder..

Stat of the Week

17.7

The difference in percentage points that the GCSU men's basketball team shot between Monday at Clayton State and Wednesday when they hosted Georgia Southwestern. The team shot 45.8 percent Monday and 63.5 percent Wednesday night.

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Ladies

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Freshman guard Dominique Huffin and senior forward Ashley Williams led the team with 17 points each in the game. Williams added nine rebounds, and Bixler tallied 15 points and eight rebounds in the effort.

Wednesday night the Lady Bobcats struggled early again, falling behind the Lady Hurricanes 17-6

eight minutes into the game and finding themselves down at the half 31-29.

"We didn't come ready to play," Williams said.

GCSU turned the game around quickly in the second half. Only two seconds into the half, junior forward Tiauna Brantley stole the ball and went the distance hitting a short jump shot to tie the game.

After GSW guard Ivana Udovalieva hit a three from the top of the key Huffin laid the ball in at 18:35 to put the Lady

Bobcats up 35-34 and steal the momentum for the rest of the game, never surrendering another lead.

"It doesn't matter how much you tell (players) to respect your opponent and that anybody can beat anybody, they can look on the website and see that this team is (1-14)," Carrick said. "They came out flat and every coach is worried about it. I'm pleased that we came out in the second half, but I'm big time disappointed that we didn't come out to play in the first half."

Smith turned in a gutsy performance that included eight assists and eight steals.

"(Smith) is one that is just a competitor at the highest point and never says die and a joy to coach," Carrick said.

Huffin turned in 23 points including four threes, and Williams added 14 points and eight rebounds.

"We knew we had to bring the intensity in the second half," Williams said. "We have to bring that intensity into every game, we have to know that anybody can beat anybody on any given night, and focus."

The Lady Bobcats are on the road next week when they will travel to the University of South Carolina at Aiken on Saturday and Columbus State University on Wednesday.

They are currently a half game behind third place Clayton.

"I think we've shown that we can win and that we can beat anyone," Carrick said. "If we play with the passion we need we can continue to win games."



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior guard Elicia Lynch drives by a Georgia Southwestern State University defender on her way to the basket Wednesday night at the Centennial Center. Lynch scored four points, grabbed three rebounds and tallied three assists in the game. The Lady Bobcats currently are in fourth place in the Peach Belt Conference with ten conference games left to play.

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game was one of those."

After a disappointing performance on the road, the Bobcats reloaded and prepared to face Georgia Southwestern State University at home on Jan. 23. In a welcome turn of events, GCSU unleashed their full arsenal on the helpless Hurricanes.

"We acknowledge the fact that we have an advantage when we play at home," said sophomore guard Graham Martin. "Our main concern is that we don't have a good road record, so we need to really protect our home court for the rest of the season."

The Bobcats torched the nets from three-point range, hitting 12 of 18 shots from behind the arc for an unheard-of 66.7 percent. Several players got in on the action, including Martin (four-of-five) and junior guard Ken Kemp (three-of-three).

"We know we have the

guys capable of shooting like that," said Sellers. "But what I was most proud of was the 25 assists we had. When you share the ball like that, it makes scoring a lot easier."

Martin shared the team lead in points, 17, with junior guard Shaun Keaton. Clark had another workmanlike performance, finishing with 16 points, six rebounds, four assists and three blocks.

One weapon that these Bobcats have at their disposal is a fantastic bench, which outscored GSW's 46-13. Senior guard Jay Warden contributed 14 points in a strong 20 minutes of action, including two-of-three from three-point range.

"We played an up-tempo style tonight," said Warden. "Everyone came out ready to play and we showed what we can do."

The Bobcats have definitely proven themselves at home this season.

They are still undefeated at GCSU, and only one game has been decided by single digits, a 79-77 victory over North Georgia College and State

University two weeks ago. The schedule now becomes unfriendly for the Bobcats, with eight of their final 12 games away from the Centennial Center. Their coach recognizes the importance of these conference battles.

"I've told the players that January is separation month," said Sellers. "Because at the end of January, you might be out of it, but we want to be one of those teams left standing."

Whatever problems the Bobcats have had on the road this season, it is time to fix them. A balanced PBC will not allow GCSU to coast on the strength of their home record.

"This year there really are no outliers, no team is a weak link," said Martin.

The Bobcats take their 6-2 conference record to the University of South Carolina at Aiken on Saturday, Jan. 26, and then travel to Columbus State University on Jan. 30 before returning home to face current second-place Augusta State University on Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Golf

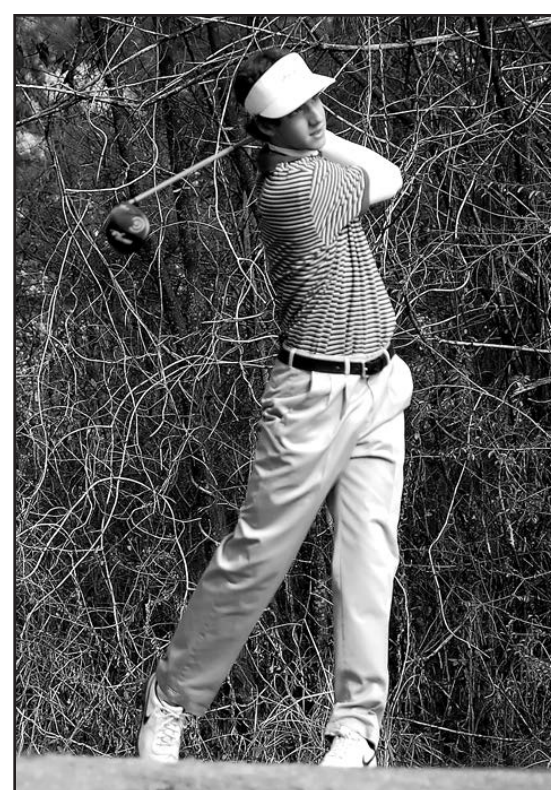
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The conditions were much more playable with temperatures in the mid-50's and wind at five miles per hour. The players appeared much more comfortable as Collins and Young both shed layers during the first nine holes to play in short sleeves.

"The course is pretty wet and the greens are real slow from the rain last night, but it beats the snow," Young said. "I never want to have to play in that again."

The Bobcats, ranked No. 18 in the Golf World/ Nike Golf Division II Poll, start the spring season on Feb. 11 at the Matlock Invitational in Lakeland, FL hosted by Florida Southern University.

"I'm really looking forward to (the season)," Collins said. "We put in a lot of work in the off season. Everyone is getting excited and working hard to get it going."



COREY DICKSTEIN / SPORTS EDITOR
Freshman Joe Young watches his drive Wednesday afternoon. The mild weather was welcome after playing last week in the snow and sleet.

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other than their straight drives that found the fairway more often than not, was their mental ability to shrug off a bad shot and make a good one right after it.

The players all emphasized that mental make-up is what can really separate an average golfer from a

good golfer.

I certainly know from personal experience that getting frustrated and losing focus can turn a decent round of golf into a long walk through the woods.

The thing is that golf is a sport that a person can play for his entire life. A lot of business, in this day and age, is conducted on the golf course, not to mention that it is good physical activity, especially if you forgo a cart to walk.

So if you are into golf keep playing, and if you not, maybe you should give it a shot. If you are a GCSU sports fan you should definitely check out our golf team.

The Bobcats host the Bobcat invitational at Cuscowilla Golf Resort March 24-25.

They are sure to put on a good show and I know they would appreciate support from their fellow GCSU students.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, January 25 -
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Saturday, January 26

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Regional Science Bowl- Herty Hall

Sunday, January 27

Monday, January 28

12:30 p.m. -1:45 p.m. University Senate Meeting
272 Arts & Sciences

Tuesday, January 29

4 p.m. Career Planning for Freshman & Sophomore
International Students - 107 Atkinson Hall
7 p.m. Campus Outreach 180 - Peabody Auditorium

Wednesday, January 30

11 a.m. "Imperialism and Modern Middle East" Lecture
- Arts & Sciences Auditorium
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Student Success Series: Choosing A Major Worksho
- Bobcat Dining Room
12:30 p.m. SIFE meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Biological & Environmental Science Spring Semina
Series: Enzyme- Based Advanced Biosensors for
Detection of Organophosphate Neurotoxins
- 250 Herty Hall

Thursday, January 31

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Documentary: "Madri Gras Made in China"
- Arts & Sciences Auditorium
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. "Madri Gras Made in China": Discussion with
Director -Arts & Sciences Auditorium
2 p.m. Internship Workshop: Strategies for Beginning Your
Search NOW! - 232 Lanier Hall

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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Suicide threat in the graveyard

On Jan. 12 at approximately 7:21 p.m., a female student reported that another student at one of the residence halls had written a suicide letter to her roommate, and the roommate found the victim in a graveyard with a knife. Contact was made with the victim in her room. She had friends in the room with her. GCSU councilor Mary Jane Phillips was called and when Ms. Phillips arrived on scene, the case was turned over to her. The Hall Director called Public Safety later that night to advise that the student was transported to the Coliseum Psychiatric Health Care for observation.

Caught relieving herself

On Jan. 13 at approximately 1:59 a.m., Officer Baker observed a female urinating next to the clock tower by the reflection pool at Greene and Columbia Streets. Contact was made with the student, who was unsteady on her feet and had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. A check of her license revealed that she was 18 years of age. Officer Baker also found a fake ID on her person. She was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol. She was given a warning for the fake ID.

Mysterious online alterations

On Jan. 15 at approximately 1:14 p.m., a female student reported that between Jan. 1 and Jan. 14 this year, unknown person(s)

logged on to her online account and changed her class schedule and dropped her from classes. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for investigation.

Lovers' dangerous duel

On Jan. 19 at approximately 1:38 a.m., Officer Pissott was dispatched to Foundation Hall in reference to a verbal altercation between a female student and her boyfriend. Contact was made with the student who stated she was arguing with her boyfriend. He had consumed too much alcohol at Capitol City, and she hid his keys so he could not drive. The boyfriend became angry and broke her cell phone. The fight had started downtown and had continued at Foundation Hall. The male got angry and punched a hole in the wall in the hallway. The argument continued in the student's room. The female stated that her boyfriend had threatened to kill her with a Gillette razor, so she slapped him and locked herself in the bathroom. While trying to get in the bathroom the boyfriend damaged the handle on the bathroom door. Afterward, they decided they did not want to press charges against each other. The male gathered up his belongings from her room and was given a ride to his residence off campus. He was told he would pay for any damage he did in Foundation Hall. The male has been banned from Foundation Hall.

Awakened from his slumber

On Jan. 22 at approximately 2:46 a.m., Officer Miller was dispatched to Sanford Hall in reference to an intoxicated student who was passed out and unresponsive. Contact was made with the student, who was on his feet trying to get in his room. He was taken outside to get fresh air while EMS responded and cleared him to go back to his room. The RA's were instructed to write a report on the incident. The case has been turned over to Student Judiciary.

Information compiled
by Chelsea Thomas

Please go online to
gcsunade.com to download the
extended Public Safety Report podcast.



NOW HEAR THIS

Spring Seminar Series beginning

Beginning Jan. 30, the Department of Biology and Environmental Studies will be presenting every Wednesday from 4 p.m. through 5 p.m. the Spring Seminar Series.

Located in Herty 250, there is a long list of eminent scientists for the semester. The first seminar will be led by Alex Simonian who will discuss enzyme-based advanced biosensors for detection of organophosphate neurotoxins. This will be a great opportunity to hear some exciting speakers and interesting lessons.

Relay for Life holds kick-off

The GCSU 2008 Relay for Life Kick-Off will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. in The GIVE Center. Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. It is a 24 hour walk that will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 11 and continue until 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. The walk will be located at the Walter B. Williams Recreational Park small parking lot. Teams can range from any size.

All of these individuals are required to pay a \$10 registration fee and then encouraged to raise at least \$100 per person. All the money raised goes to support the American Cancer Society in Macon.

If you have any questions please call 478-445-5700. There is guaranteed to be refreshments, door prizes and tons of great information. Come learn how to be on a team or to start a team. The GIVE Center will pay the registration fee for one lucky

student that attends the Kick-Off.

WHAT A RELIEF Spring Break trip

Sign up has begun for the GCSU American Democracy Project spring break trip to Ocean Springs, Ms. "What a Relief" will be a trip dedicated to Gulf Coast Home Rehabilitation. The information session was Thursday, Jan. 24, however there is still time to register for the trip.

The Spring Break trip will be from March 24 though 30. The "What a Relief" spring break trip is co-sponsored by The GIVE Center, Hands On Milledgeville and the American Democracy Project. For more information about the rehabilitation work, the minimal cost for lodging and food, or transportation means feel free to email Gregg Kaufman at gregg.kaufman@gcsu.edu or call him at 478-445-1711.

Career Center January Events

The Career Center is expected to have many more events for the month of January. On Jan. 29 there will be Career Planning for Freshman and Sophomore International Students in Atkinson Hall 107 at 4 p.m. The next day, Jan. 30, will be a Wonderful Wednesday in which there will be a Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop located in Lanier Hall 232 at 2 p.m. However, you must sign up for this workshop by Jan. 29. Likewise, the Internship Workshop discussing "Strategies for Beginning Your Search EARLY" on Jan. 31 must have students signed up by

Jan. 30. To register for these workshops students can visit the Career Center in Lanier Hall by the required deadlines.

Times Talk will be continuing

Every Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Lanier 211 different professors and deans from numerous departments come in to lead a discussion on a controversial world issue affecting lives today. They discuss recent news events and welcome all to join their discussion. Plus, they have free pizza!

Dessert lessons for students are here

Learn how to make the best treats for your sweetheart for this Valentine's Day! Basic Culinary Skills are not required! This is a class offered for all dessert lovers and eaters! This class will teach the basic skills of how to make desserts such as Brownies and Fudge, Cakes and Frosting, Ice Cream, Tarts, Mousse and Sorbet. Each session will teach you more about the delicacy of classic desserts!

Soon participates will be able to cook these desserts all by themselves! Students should register early in order to get the list of food and ingredients needed for the class. There will be six sessions total beginning Jan. 28 and going through Feb. 13. Lessons will be located in 113 Chappell Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Joe Kelley will be the instructor. The total fee for the classes will be \$99. For more information or to register, call Nora at 478-445-5277.



What is the Early College and Why Are They On Campus?

This year's Freshman class may remember a gaggle of younger children attending this year's Convocation. Many students, including the number one entering Freshman, expressed concerns as to these children's attendance at their college convocation.

Principal Camille Daniel-Tyson was kind enough to answer these concerns. She informed the Student Government Association that the students in her program are classified as "at-risk" students. Some things that would qualify a student for the Early College would be lower than average standardized test scores, high probability of dropping out when they turn 16, and they are usually the first one in their family to have the opportunity to go to college.

What most GCSU students do not realize is their exact purpose on campus. Principal Daniel-Tyson tells SGA that no more than once a week these students are brought on campus as a part of their experimental learning curriculum so as to acclimate them to a college campus. She further informs SGA that before this program, these local children felt as if the campus was closed off to them, and they were afraid to even walk around on Front

Campus.

Among other things, these forays onto campus spread positive regard for the campus through the local community. In regards to their presence at Convocation, Principal Daniel-Tyson assures GCSU students that the Early College's presence there is not malicious at all. It is meant to provide positive encouragement for these at-risk students; their presence at Convocation serves as a motivation for them to study harder and possibly be a real part of the Convocation one day.

Principal Camille Daniel-Tyson provided further statistics about the program such as that 78 percent of all students enrolled are minorities, that over 250 students apply to the program each year, and that this is a last chance for the majority of her students.

To apply for this program, a family must complete mounds of paper work and the student must write an essay showing their commitment to the program. Family involvement in these student's lives could not be higher. One student present at Convocation brought 14 of her family members with her. Principal Camille Daniel-Tyson tells SGA that this is the only time that the vast majority of these students, along with

their parents, have ever set foot on a college campus, let alone witness a college ceremony.

To assure GCSU students that the Early College is not impeding on their lives as college students, Principal Camille Daniel-Tyson informs SGA that these students are not allowed on campus without direct Early College supervision and that before each time they come on campus that they receive permission from the University.

She also believes that diversity is important to the success of GCSU and that by introducing these students to the University at a young age and motivating them to achieve the standards set forth for admission, that the Early College can be instrumental to increasing the diversity of GCSU.

Principal Camille Daniel-Tyson informs the Student Government Association that in no way are the student of the Early College looking to belittle or deface Convocation or any other aspect of student life here at GCSU. She tells SGA that the Early College has actually brought more notoriety to the University due to their presence. Other Early Colleges from across the Southeast have more to learn about their program as well as Georgia College and State University.

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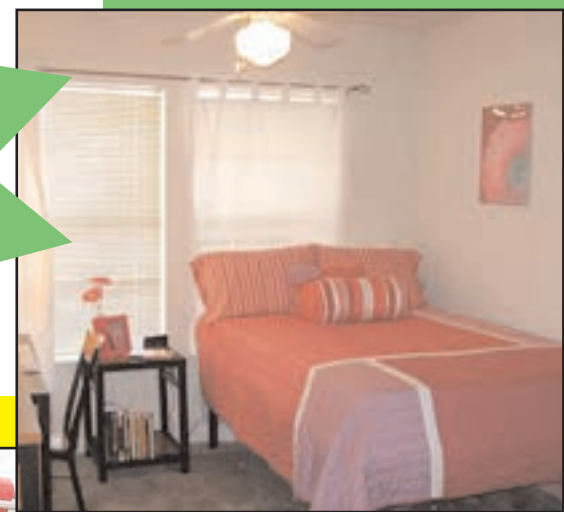
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